

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claims 1-9, and 12-19 are rejected.

The Examiner noted that claims 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for recognizing that there are allowable subject matter in claims 10 and 11.

I. Amended Claims

In response to the Examiner's recognition of the allowable subject matter recited in dependent claims 10 and 11, these claims have been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of their respective base claims and all intervening claims.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 15 and 16 have been amended accordingly to depend from the amended claim 10, which is now in independent form.

Claim 12 has been amended to specify that the at least one other gas comprises SF₆/CF₄ and also incorporating the allowable subject matter of the originally filed claim 10. Thus, claim 12 is now in allowable form.

Claims 1-4, 7, 13, 14 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 18 and 19 are maintained as originally filed.

II. New Claims

New claims 20 and 21 depending from the amended claim 11 have been added.

New claims 22 and 23 depending from the amended claim 12 have been added.

New independent claim 24 has been added. Claim 24 recites a method that is another embodiment of the invention recited in amended claim 12. Claim 24 recites that the at least one other gas comprises Cl_2/BCl_3 and also incorporates the allowable subject matter recited in the originally filed claim 11.

New claims 25 and 26 depending from claim 24 have been added.


III. Conclusion

After the entry of the amendment to claims presented herein, claims 5, 6, 8-12, 15, 16 and 18-26 remain pending. All of these claims contain the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner in the Office Action and, thus, are in allowable form.

Because this Amendment is being submitted within the THREE MONTHS time period from the August 19, 2005 mailing date of the Office Action. But, because of the additional independent claim resulting from the amendment, additional claim fee of \$200.00 is believed due as shown in the enclosed fee calculation sheet. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$200.00 to Duane Morris LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,

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